

A M E N D M E N T t o t h e C L A I M S

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the present application is provided below. The status of each claim is identified. Markings indicate any changes that have been made to claims being currently amended by this Amendment.

1 – 40. (CANCELED)

41. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for receiving supplemental information, comprising the steps of:

initiating a computer program via a computer;

receiving a video program, program identification information and

synchronization information related to a video program via a display device independent of the computer;

sending the program identification information and synchronization information to a remotely located server;

processing the program identification information and the synchronization information;

receiving from [[a]] the remotely located server the supplemental information synchronized to the events and action of the video program; and

displaying the supplemental information via the computer,

in which processing comprises:

transmitting the program identification information and the synchronization information to the remotely located server.

42 - 46. (CANCELED)

47. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 41, in which the supplemental information comprises at least one of audio and visual information.

48. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of Claim 41, in which the synchronization information comprises a time-code which is updated at predetermined intervals.

49. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 48, in which the computer program is adapted to update the time-code at the predetermined intervals.

50. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of Claim 41, further comprising:
transmitting at least one request to interactively change the supplemental information based upon the video program; and
receiving changed supplemental information in accordance with the at least one request.

51. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A computer readable medium storing instructions configured to direct a processor to perform the method of claim 41.

52. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An apparatus comprising:
a processor; and
the computer readable medium of claim 51 in communication with the processor.

53. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method comprising:
receiving a request for supplemental information related to a video program by a remotely located server;
receiving synchronization information related to the video program the remotely located server;
determining the requested supplemental information;
synchronizing the requested supplemental information to the video program displayed on a display device using the synchronization information; and
transmitting the requested supplemental information to a computer independent of the display device.

54. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 53, in which the requested supplemental information comprises audio and visual information.

55. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 53, further comprising:
determining program identification information prior to determining the requested supplemental information.
56. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 53, in which the synchronization information comprises a time-code which is updated at predetermined intervals.
57. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 53, further comprising:
receiving additional requests to interactively change the requested supplemental information based upon the video program; and
changing the requested supplemental information in accordance with the additional requests.
58. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 53, further comprising:
verifying that synchronization is maintained with the video program.
59. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A computer readable medium storing instructions configured to direct a processor to perform the method of claim 53.
60. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An apparatus comprising:
a processor; and
the computer readable medium of claim 59 in communication with the processor.
61. – 64. (CANCELLED)
65. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim ~~[[61]]~~ 41, in which the visual component of the video program contains the synchronization information.

66. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 65, in which the synchronization information comprises a time-code that is changed at predetermined intervals and which is used to synchronize the supplemental information to the video program.

67. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim [[61]] 41, in which the video program is selected from the group consisting of:

- a live television broadcast, and
- a prerecorded television broadcast.

68. – 69. (CANCELLED)

70. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim [[61]] 41, in which the visual component of the video program contains program identification information related to the video program.

71. (CANCELLED)

72. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim [[61]] 41, further comprising: initiating payment for the supplemental information.

73. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim [[61]] 72, in which initiating payment comprises:

- providing payment using a credit card account.

74. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim [[61]] 72, in which initiating payment comprises: providing payment of a service statement.

75. – 76. (CANCELLED)

77. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method comprising:
displaying a video program including an audio component, a visual component
and synchronization information via a display device;
initiating a computer program via a computer adapted to process a request for
supplemental information related to the action and events occurring within
the video program;
requesting the supplemental information from a remotely located server;
transmitting information corresponding to the synchronization information from
the video program to the remotely located server;
receiving the supplemental information from the remotely located server; and
displaying the requested supplemental information via the computer,
synchronized to the video program in accordance with the synchronization
information.

78. – 79. (CANCELLED)

80. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 77, in which the computer
program is further adapted to make additional requests to interactively change the
supplemental information.